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3. [redacted] Talked to Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and reminded him, with reference to his renewed request of yesterday for "all the estimates" reflecting disagreements within the community on North Vietnamese and Vietcong OB, that we still thought the best way of handling this was for George Carver to sit down with Chairman Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee, and Slatinshek and review the whole matter informally. Slatinshek said he couldn't understand why it wouldn't be possible to actually see the estimates. I said I doubted that these disagreements were fully reflected in formal estimates, such as NIEs, or even departmental estimates. I said I thought they were mainly the subject of continuing debate as reflected in cables and dispatches but in any event we were more than glad to provide all relevant material. However, I said Carver was the expert on the available material and I still thought it would be best for Carver to meet with Nedzi and Slatinshek next week and get a clear understanding of just what they wanted and give them a clear understanding of just what was available. Slatinshek accepted this.

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